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ANNUAL REPORT

1944.

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Medical Officer of Health.

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J. Colgan, M.D., B.Ch., B.A.O.

Chief Sanitary Inspector (Borough and Port) and
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A. Bradshaw,		(")
F. Hesketh,	A.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.	(On War Service)

Public Health Office,
Cepse Road,
Fleetwood.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Borough of Fleetwood.

Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to present my twenty-second Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the District during the year ending 31st. December, 1944, combined with the Report of the Senior Sanitary Inspector. In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health this will take the form of an interim report.

SECTION A. Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area:

Area: Land 2,636 acres, Foreshore and Sea 3,644 acres.

Population: 24,430 (as per Registrar-General's estimate, mid 1944).

No. of inhabited houses end of 1944 according to rate books: 6,419

Rateable value: £169,484. Sum represented by a 1d. rate: £690.

	Total	M.	F.	
Live Births: Legitimate	395	202	193	Birth rate per 1,000
Illegitimate	24	12	12	estimated resident pop-
				ulation mid 1944
				17.14
Stillbirths	16	4	12	
Deaths	290	160	130	Death rate per 1,000
				11.46

Deaths from puerperal causes:

Puerperal sepsis...	...	...	...	...	1
Other puerperal causes...	...	...	...	...	-

Death rate of infants under 1 year of age:

All infants per 1,000 live births ... 47

Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births 45

Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births 83

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) ...	...	...	...	...	35
" " Measles (all ages) ...	...	...	...	...	-
" " Whooping Cough (all ages) ...	...	...	...	...	1
" " Diarrhea (under 2 years of age) ...	...	...	...	...	4

Causes of death during the year 1944:

Cerebro-spinal Fever ...	...	...	...	...	1
Whooping Cough ...	...	...	...	...	1
Tuberculosis of respiratory system..	...	...	...	...	15
Syphilitic Diseases ...	...	...	...	...	7
Cancer (all forms) ...	...	...	...	...	35
Diabetes ...	...	...	...	...	1
Intra-cranial vascular lesions. ...	...	...	...	...	39
Heart disease ...	...	...	...	...	74
Other diseases of circulatory system ...	...	...	...	...	5
Bronchitis ...	...	...	...	...	21
Pneumonia ...	...	...	...	...	6
Other respiratory diseases ...	...	...	...	...	3
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum... ..	...	...	...	...	3
Diarrhea under 2 years... ..	...	...	...	...	4
Other digestive diseases. ...	...	...	...	...	8
Nephritis ...	...	...	...	...	7
Puerperal and post abortive sepsis..	...	...	...	...	1
Other maternal causes ...	...	...	...	...	3
Premature birth... ..	...	...	...	...	2
Conjenital malformations etc... ..	...	...	...	...	6
Suicide ...	...	...	...	...	1
Road traffic accidents... ..	...	...	...	...	2
Other violent causes ...	...	...	...	...	4
All other causes ...	...	...	...	...	41

SECTION C. Sanitary Circumstances of the Area:Water Supply.

Is upland water, obtained from the Fylde Water Board, and is of good quality.

During the year 2 samples were submitted for bacteriological examination and two for chemical examination. The results in all cases were satisfactory. In addition the Fylde Water Board forward copies of reports on samples taken monthly.

Closet Accommodation.

The whole area, with the exception of some isolated houses, is on the water carriage system.

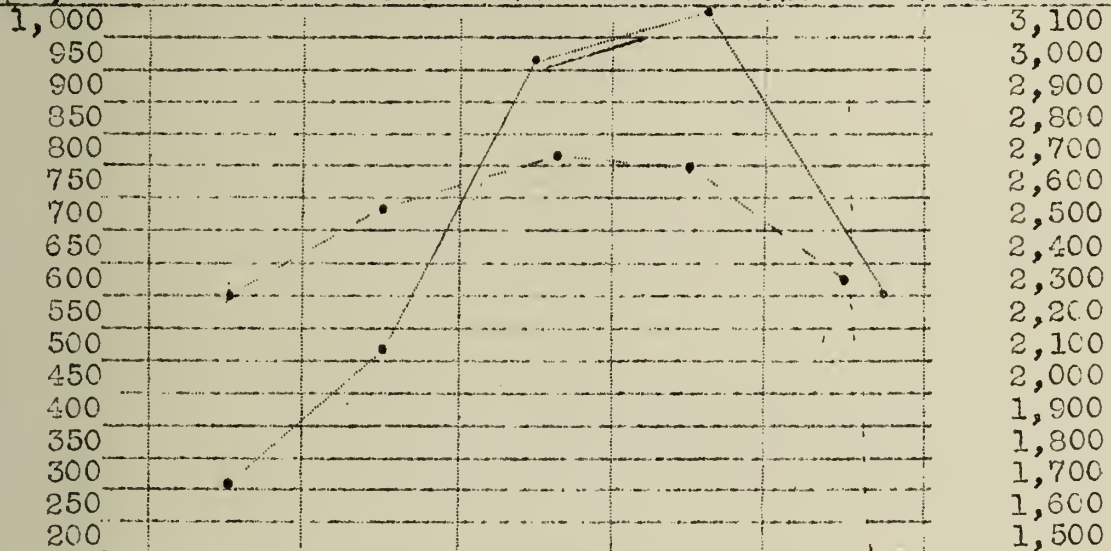
Refuse Collection, Year Ending 31st. March, 1945.

Dustbins emptied...	...	...	...	344,729
Pail closets emptied	...	...	...	5,739
Loads of Trade Refuse removed..	...	...	...	1,121
Number of Gullies emptied	...	...	...	7,936
Total loads removed	...	...	...	4,601

Salvage. Weights collected and values.

Graph showing results from 1940 to 1944 inclusive.

Weight, tons. 1940-41. 1941-42. 1942-43. 1943-44. 1944-45. Value in £.



Continuous lines show Value
Broken lines show weight.

Year.	Weight in tons.	Value in £.
1940-41	573	1650
1941-42	698	2085
1942-43	805	3014
1943-44	790	3133
1944-45	590	2258
	<u>3,456</u>	<u>12,140</u>

The salvage of waste materials is continuing, but as some items formerly in great demand are no longer in such demand, the amount of materials salvaged is decreasing.

With the end of the war the public generally have become apathetic towards salvage and this too is having an adverse effect on the returns we are enabled to make.

Water Closets:

Additional Water Closets provided...	...	...	3
Water Closets repaired...	...	...	4
Water Closets provided with new pedestals.	...	...	5
Water Closet pans replaced with pedestals.	...	...	3
Defective Flush Pipe joints repaired	...	...	1
Foul W.C. Basins cleansed.	...	...	2
Defective Cisterns repaired	...	...	13
New Cisterns provided	...	...	1
Risers abolished	...	...	4

Dust Bins:

Houses provided with Sanitary Dustbins	...	...	236
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Various:

Smoke nuisances dealt with...	...	...	1
Nuisances from Animals kept, abated	...	...	1
Offensive accumulations removed	...	...	6
Back-yards cleansed by tenants	...	...	3
Bakchouses, limewashing carried out.	...	...	9
Factories limewashed	...	...	6
Various...	...	...	30
Total			600

Shops Acts, 1912 to 1936.

During the year 137 visits were made to shop premises under the above Acts. On no occasion was it necessary to undertake prosecutions for offenses against the Acts.

Water Sampling from Public Baths.

During the season regular samples were taken of the water for bacteriological examination and also for chlorine content. The samples on all occasions were satisfactory.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

Vermineous houses were sprayed with Lethane, or fumigated with HCN by a firm of contractors. The furniture of all tenants moving into Corporation property is fumigated with HCN by this Department.

Section D. Housing.

1. Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year:
 - (1)(a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)... ..228
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...968
 - (2)(a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932... ..53
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...220
 - (3) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation ... +
 - (4) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...126
2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices:-

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers... ..140
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-
 - (a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936

(1)Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs....	9
(2)Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
(a) By owners..	-
(b) By local authority in default of owners	-

4. Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding.

(a)(1)Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year ...	-
(11)Number of families dwelling therein...	-
(111) " " persons dwelling therein ...	-
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year..	12
(c)(1)Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ...	7
(11)Number of persons concerned in such cases	28

(b) Housing Conditions.

1. The general housing conditions in the Borough are satisfactory
There are approximately two back-to-back houses in the district.
2. There is a serious shortage of houses of a working class type. There are over 1,400 recent applications for Corporation houses.

Section E. Inspection and supervision of Food.

Milk Supply.

The Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops have been visited 220 times, and in each case were invariably found to be in a clean condition.

During the year 26 samples were taken and submitted for bacteriological examination for the presence of tubercle bacilli, only one of the samples proved positive.

Pasteurised milk was sampled 16 times during the year and submitted for examination at the laboratory. Twelve of the samples were satisfactory and four unsatisfactory. The samples were submitted to the phosphatase test and also tested for the presence of b. coli.

Meat and Other Foods.

Food shops and food preparation premises were visited 316 times. The public slaughterhouse owned by the Corporation has been closed by the Ministry of Food.

Section F. Infectious Diseases.

Deaths from the seven principal Zymotic Diseases:-

Smallpox..	...	...	...	-
Measles...	...	...	...	-
Scarlet Fever...	...	...	...	-
Whooping Cough..	...	...	...	1
Diphtheria	...	...	...	-
Enteric Fever...	...	...	...	-
Diarrhea..	...	...	...	4
				<u>5</u>

Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the year:-

Diseases.	Cases Notified.	Total Deaths.	Cases Removed to Hospital.
Smallpox	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	69	-	60
Diphtheria	73	-	70
Enteric Fever	-	-	-
Measles	25	-	-
Whooping Cough	64	1	-
Acute Pneumonia	51	6	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	10	1	9
Cerebro-spinal Fever	1	1	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	-	-
Erysipelas	10	-	3
	<u>302</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>144</u>

Tuberculosis.

The number of cases notified was 31 pulmonary and 21 non-pulmonary.

The number of deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis was 15.

The notification of tuberculosis is satisfactory.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Diphtheria immunisation is carried out by means of specially arranged sessions and by private practitioners. During the year 139 pre-school children and 25 school children were immunised.

At 31st. December, 1944 it was considered that 68.4 % of the children under 5 years of age and 64.45 % of the children between 5 and 15 years of age were immunised.

In 18 of the cases of Diphtheria occurring the child had completed a full course of immunisation against the disease.

Scabies Treatment.

The treatment of Scabies continued at the Copse Road Depot during the year. The following table gives the number of sessions held and the persons attending:-

Sessions held.		Persons attending.	
M.	F.	M.	F.
134.	135.	153.	183.

Treatment is carried out by means of hot baths and then an application of Benzyl Benzoate. In the majority of cases two visits were sufficient to effect a cure.

I am, Madam and Gentleman,

Your obedient servant,

J. COLGAN.

Medical Officer of Health.

